

# Spring Black Bear Petitions

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Director



**WAC 220-415-080 2021 Spring black bear special permits.** It is unlawful to fail to comply with the provisions of this section. A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.410, 77.15.245, or 77.15.280, depending on the circumstances of the violation.

**Who May Apply:** Anyone with a valid Washington big game license, which includes black bear as a species option.

**Hunt Areas, Permit Levels, and Season Dates for Each License Year:**

Hunt Name	Hunt Area	Permits	Season Dates
Sherman	GMU 101 Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	50	April 15 - June 15
Kelly Hill	GMU 105 Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	50	April 15 - June 15
Douglas	GMU 108 Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	40	April 15 - June 15
Aladdin	GMU 111 Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	50	April 15 - June 15
49 Degrees North	GMU 117 Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	100	April 15 - June 15
Huckleberry	GMU 121	100	April 15 - June 15
Blue Creek	GMU 154	18	April 15 - June 15
Dayton	GMU 162	18	April 15 - June 15
Tucannon	GMU 166	5	April 15 - June 15
Wenaha	GMU 169	60	April 15 - June 15
Mt. View	GMU 172	24	April 15 - June 15
Lick Creek	GMU 175	18	April 15 - June 15
Peola	GMU 178	5	April 15 - June 15
Couse	GMU 181	5	April 15 - June 15
Grande Ronde	GMU 186	5	April 15 - June 15
Kitsap	GMU 627	5	April 15 - June 15
Mason	GMU 633	5	April 15 - June 15
Bear River	GMU 681	20	April 15 - June 15
Long Beach	GMU 684	10	April 15 - June 15
North Skagit	That portion of GMU 418 that is designated as the hunt area by DNR, Sierra Pacific, and Grandy Lake Timber company. Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	30	April 15 - June 15
Copalis	GMU 642, 648, and 638 (excluding U.S. Forest Service lands).	50	April 15 - June 15



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Petitioner	Relief requested	Explanation (paraphrased)
Lewis	<b>Repeal</b> of the Commission’s “Spring Bear Hunting 2022 decision,” when WAC 220-415-080 was not amended for a 2022 Spring Bear Hunting Season	The outcome does not provide for recreational opportunities for hunters.
Martz/NE Wash. Wildlife Group	<b>New Rule</b> that would “adopt proposed rule and amendments to WAC 220-415-080 Spring Bear Special Permit Hunts.”	Protect loss of neonates, minimize timber damage, and keep WDFW in line with mandate.
Cannon	<b>Repeal</b> the “Commission vote on WAC 220- 415-080 resulting in removal of 2022 Spring Bear Hunting Season.”	The outcome conflicts with RCW 77.04.055 regarding recreational opportunities.
Neumiller/ Inland NW Wildlife Council, et al.	<b>Amend</b> WAC 220-415-080 by removing “2021” from the title	The decision should have only been about permit numbers. Use another process to evaluate the validity of the season.
Magart/ NE Wash. Wildlife Group	<b>New Rule</b> , but then asks that WDFW “rescind the rule passed by the F&W Commission on 11-19 that did away with the spring bear hunt”	Science supports the removal of bears and their overabundance is hard on deer, elk, and moose offspring and new forest growth.
Jackman	<b>Repeal</b> of “2022 Spring Black Bear Hunt”	Commission decision conflicts with state biologist/scientist findings.

